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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant submits the following statement on the substance of the Interview held on September 28, 2010.

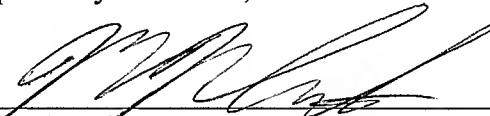
Applicant appreciates the Examiner's time afforded to conduct the Interview. During the Interview, Applicant's representative discussed with the Examiner different possible options for further prosecution of the pending claims, including whether the Examiner would be willing to consider, in place of claims 1-11, previously-added claims 12-21 which were submitted by Applicant in a good faith attempt to address the Examiner's reservations regarding the originally-filed claim language. In addition, the Examiner offered suggestions regarding potential amendments to the means-plus-function language of claims 1-11 and indicated that the restriction requirement made regarding claims 12-21 would be maintained. No definitive agreement was made with respect to the claims or whether any particular course of action would be pursued by Applicant to further prosecution.

After further consideration of the discussion in the Interview, Applicant has decided to pursue the restricted claims in a divisional application claiming priority to this application. The Examiner's kind consideration of the claims of the divisional application is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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